

MASSES— 22nd June to 3rd July 22

Sun	26	9.30am	Immanuel Osagie (B'day), James Byrne (B'day remembrance) Caetano Joaquim Menezes (RIP)
		11.30am	Ben McAndrew & family, Preethika Fernandes (Thanksgiving)
Mon	27	12.00noon	Sr. Mary Paul (RIP)
Tues	28	9.30am	Grace Isoken Iuobe (30yrs B'day remembrance)
Wed	29	9.30am	Sr. Leena Mathias (Thanksgiving)
Thurs	30	9.30am	Sarah Folan (RIP)
		7.00pm	Reception— John Paul Ward
Fri	01	10.00am	Requiem Mass—John Paul Ward
Sat	02	9.30am	Freddie Ferreday (Get well)
Sun	03	9.30am	Immanuel & Betty Osagie (Thanksgiving)
		11.30am	Clare McAndrew (Spl int)

Lectors

	<u>26/06/2022</u>	<u>03/07/2022</u>
9.30am	James M., Preethika (R)	Demisha, Hari O. (R)
11.30am	Morgan, Perpetua (R)	Rochealla, Claire (R)

Eucharistic Ministers

9.30am	Sophie Drabik (E)	11.30am	Frank K., Vera (E)
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The sick of the Parish: Marie Matthews, Rose Hogan, Norah Griffith, Tony Groogan, Mary Mulrone, Gerard Griffith, Maria Clear, Ann Crowley, Christopher Browne, Jarek, Benny & Bridie McAndrew, Teresa McCaffer, Andrea, Chinasa Okosisi.

Anniversaries during the week : Anthony Hegarty, Patrick Mullaney, Joseph O'Neill, Kathleen Leslie, Patrick Joseph Moore, Margaret Brophy, Doreen Davies, Patrick Michael Boyle, Desmond Michael Whelan, Elizabeth Keegan, Michael Joseph Dowd, Thomas Joseph Cosgrove, Joe Byrne, Teresa McPartlain, Annie Dunnion, Patrick Meehan, Phyllis Johnson, John Johnson, Thomas Anthony Gleeson, Martin Kelly, Hugh Devlin.

The Patient Old Man

When passing through a mountain pass, a villager once came across an old man who was blind and who seemed to be afflicted with various ailments all over his body. It was clear that he was wasting away. He was even paralyzed and was constantly forced to remain in a seated position. The Villager could clearly hear him say, "All praise is for God who has kept me safe from ailments with which He has tested many among His creation; and He has indeed preferred me over many among those that He created." "My brother!" exclaimed the man. "What have you been saved from? By God? I think that you have been afflicted with every single kind of ailment!" "Go away from me," said the old man, as he raised his head. "Do I not still have a tongue with which I can pronounce His Oneness, and with which I can remember Him every single moment? And do I not still have a heart with which I can know Him?" These words of the old man were enough for the Villager to repent to God for his sins and ask Him for forgiveness. Remember, there is always someone else who is in more problem than you.



A.J. Missions	St. Osburg	Ss. Mary & Benedict	St. Elizabeth
Parish Newsletter—13th Sunday in ordinary time -26th June to 3rd July 2022			

TAKE NOTE OF THAT OPPORTUNITY BEFORE IT ELUDES YOU!

Jesus, like any one of us, met with disappointments some of which are narrated in today's Gospel. He was on the way to Jerusalem and the Samaritans would not let him pass through their territory, since Jews and Samaritans had negative views against each other. You have heard in some countries where a Catholic to travel through a Protestant territory can cause a riot!

Along the way Jesus came across three young men, each one had an offer to make. The first man was enthusiastic, he thought Jesus was a famous man, a celebrity, and immediately he offered to follow him. When Jesus told him the real situation of discipleship, the man gave up. It teaches us that following Jesus is not necessarily comfortable.

Then Jesus saw another suitable candidate and said to him: "Follow me". What a great chance to be called by the Lord himself. He was not calling this man to join a religion, to attend a series of meetings or to accept the values related to spiritual life. Jesus was calling him to Life itself, to become his personal assistant. The man had other priorities, his family meant much more than following a Galilean preacher. His father was not dead, but taking care of him and his estate was important. This gives us an example how we can put things about God in the second place instead of putting them first. You might have heard someone saying I will consider the priesthood when I retire or I will go to the Convent if I don't get married etc.

The third man was ready to follow Jesus but needed the opinion of his parents, as if the call was theirs. He had not enjoyed the world enough. He wanted to have the last dance, the last drink, or to say goodbye to his old habits. These men lost the chance. Following Jesus does not admit volunteers. We are not doing God a favour by believing in him, we are not doing anyone a favour by attending the Sunday Mass. It is for your own good, for your personal sanctification that you do all these things. The faith you profess and the prayers you say are for your good.

Jesus teaches another interesting point. To follow him requires real commitment. He used an image from everyday life to show the danger that can arise if we do not pay attention to this. A farmer ploughing. The heavy plough demands attention not only for the animals that pull it, but also for the farmer that directs it. No farmer can plough in a straight line if he keeps turning round to look behind him. The message is clear, we cannot follow Christ if we now and then take our eyes off him or else we will lose sight of him. We are not trying out things; to be Christians, to be married, to be priests or to be parishioners. That is what we are. Once the opportunity comes and you do not grab it, it is gone never to be retrieved!

As you return home today, go and be firm and resolute in following Jesus, there is no turning back, we are not giving a trial. Blessed is the person who has taken firm resolution to follow the Lord. Our eagerness to maintain people's affection can lead us to give away in situations that demand absolute firmness.

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YOU ARE MOST WELCOME to our Parish Church. If it is your first time here or probably you have been here before, your presence with us at this moment at our community worship is greatly appreciated. Our Parish Church is the second to be built in Coventry after the Protestant Reformation. It was built in 1893, the pews have never moved since then! Our Musical Pipe Organ was inaugurated in 1898, it was the best of its kind at the time. Our Parish has had eleven Parish priests since 1889, the present one being a Religious Missionary from the Institute of Apostles of Jesus in Uganda. Our Parish welcomes and promotes the initiatives taken by everyone for the building up and sustenance of our faith community.

Parish Development

Gift Aid : £ 211.00 **SO (June) :** £ **Non-Gift Aid:** 507.38 **Total:** £ 718.38

Readings: **1KINGS 19:16, 19-21; Ps15; Galatians 5:1,13-18 Lk. 9:51-62**

2nd Collection : Peter's Pence– 26/06/22, 10th July– Apostleship of the Sea; 17th July– Clergy Training

Bonus Ball :

Mass Attendance : 318

Pious Devotions

Prayer for priests

Divine mercy prayers

Parish Rosary group

Choir practice : Fri– 7.30pm

Church cleaning:

Confessions: Saturday– 10.10– 11.00am.

Gospel reflection

When the days for Jesus' being taken up were fulfilled, he resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem, and he sent messengers ahead of him. Luke 9:51-52a
Jesus was "resolutely determined" in His mission to travel toward Jerusalem.

We can learn much from Jesus' determination to sacrifice His life in Jerusalem for the salvation of the world. Certainly we should see the fruit of this sacrifice and be eternally grateful for it. But we should also see it as an invitation to imitate Jesus' actions. In our own lives there are many opportunities we are given to choose a life of selfless sacrifice for the good of others. These opportunities come in many forms, but in the end they are always opportunities of love and self-giving. Though sacrifice will tempt us to flee in a different direction, if we keep our eyes upon the good fruit of all selfless sacrifice, we will be encouraged to be resolute in our determination of love.

Mass Intentions

If you have requests for Mass for your intentions envelopes are available at the back of the church please pick one, write your intention, place it in the box provided. It is recommended to give a donation for your intention from £5.00. You can call Tel. 07547242375.

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

Corpus Christi: thank you for joining in the procession last Sunday in honour of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Ordination Anniversary: Fr. Jimmy celebrates 29 years today of his Ordination to priesthood. Thank you all for the prayers and support you have given him since he was ordained on 26th June 1993. The read success and greatest day in his life will be the day when he will die a priest. Let us keep him in our prayers.

Jubilees on the horizon: God willing Sr. Leena Mathias will celebrate 50 years and Sr. Lydwin will celebrate 40 years of their religious profession in 2024. The two Sisters have spent much of their time serving us. Please keep them in your prayers.

Public recitation of the Rosary for peace in Ukraine will take place on Saturday 2nd July at 7.00pm at the Statue of Our Lady of Coventry in the Priory Ruins of the Cathedral. Members of the Ukrainian community will be present and the Rosary will be offered for peace in Ukraine. We would like as many of our parishioners as possible to attend.

Parish youth concert: to cheer us up after Covid19 pandemic will be staged on 16th July 2022. Please put the date in your diary and remember to turn-up and to support them. It will be an opportunity for parents to see the talents their children have.

The annual Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall, Shrine of the English Martyrs, will take place on Sunday 4 September 2022. We hope you will support this act of devotion to the Martyrs of the Midlands. Principal Celebrant will be Canon Richard Walker the Vicar General. Mass at 3.00 pm Confessions from 1.45 pm – 2.30 pm. I will let you know if there will be a coach to take pilgrims from Coventry Denary.

The annual collection for Peter's Pence will be taken today Sunday 26th June. Peter's Pence is the name for the financial help offered by the faithful to the Holy Father in support of his apostolic and charitable mission in favour of the universal Church. The Dicastery that assist the Pope in evangelization, the promotion of human development, education, communication, etc.; contributes to numerous charitable works directly assisting the most in need.

Job opportunity for the "Head of Safeguarding" is ready for grab to join this charitable, faith-based organisation. The postholder will manage the operations of the Safeguarding Team, who operate in accordance with the statutory framework and the Catholic Church's safeguarding policies and procedures. For more information, please contact Adam Stacey, Managing Director of Charisma Charity Recruitment, via info@charismarecruitment.co.uk or 01962 813300. Your application should be submitted through the Charisma website and include your CV and supporting statement. Hours: Full time / permanent Salary: £45,000-£55,000 Location: Birmingham / Hybrid Closing date for applications: 11 July 2022 Interview date: w/c 25 July 2022

Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Hednesford, Staffordshire is on Sunday 3 July. 1 pm refreshments available 2.15 - 3.45 Confessions 3 pm Rosary 4 pm Mass with Anointing - Celebrant Bishop David Evans. For more information -Fr Jeremy Howard 07868 542268.

Feasts during the week: 28th June– St. Irenaeus Bp. & Martyr; 29th June Solemnity of SS. Peter & Paul.

Confirmation Classes for children who have reached the age, take place in the Lady's Chapel every Saturday starting 12:00noon. Parents whose children attend St. Marys School, but want their children to deepen their Catechism are very welcome join these classes. First Holy Communion classes will start in July in the same chapel.